

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation**

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <i>Corson/ Sioux County News-Messenger</i>		2. DATE <i>Sept 20, 2004</i>	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <i>Weekly</i>	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <i>52</i>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$ <i>28 Loc 31 33 out of area</i>	
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <i>202 1st Ave West, McLaughlin SD 57642</i>			
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers) <i>202 1st Ave West McLaughlin SD 57642</i>			
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <i>MERLE E. Lofgren</i>			
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.)			
FULL NAME <i>MERLE E Lofgren</i>		COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS <i>Box 788, McLaughlin SD 57642</i>	
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.) <i>None</i>			
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION		AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)		<i>1475</i>	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION			
1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.		<i>320</i>	<i>318</i>
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)		<i>963</i>	<i>971</i>
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)		<i>1283</i>	<i>1289</i>
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION			
1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS			
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES		<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)		<i>1308</i>	<i>1314</i>
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED			
1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing		<i>127</i>	<i>98</i>
2. Return from News Agents		<i>40</i>	<i>38</i>
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 - Should equal net press run shown in A)		<i>1475</i>	<i>1450</i>

Statement must be signed by Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner in the presence of a Notary Public  
I swear that the statements made by me are true, correct, and complete:

*Merle E Lofgren*  
(Signature)

*Publisher*  
(Title)

State of South Dakota )  
County of *Corson* )  
(Seal)

Sworn to before me this *21* day of *Sept*, 20*04*  
*Sherie Hawk*  
Notary Public

My commission expires: *3-30-2009*